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SECURITY: DETAILED REMINDER TO RIS RESIDENTS AND OPERATIONAL WORKERS
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[Part I] Circular[a]

Once again we direct your attention to inadequate security in the work of leaders and operational workers in residencies. Some operational workers are being initiated into residency matters which bear no relation to the work being carried out by them. Of course this is the result of talkativeness and the inevitable consequence of the close relations existing among our workers. It is necessary for all [6 groups unrecovered] but, as regards the general work of a residency, each individual worker should know only what is essential in order to

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carry out the work in his own field. In embassy, legation and consulate buildings (in the private and general offices of residents) and also in private flats, probably fitted with special [1 group unidentified], discussions on operational questions take place. There have even been cases where conferences of all the workers of a residency have been arranged in a general office, for the collective discussion of directives from the centre. It is categorically forbidden, in the course of briefing and in general during discussions, particularly if held on the premises, to use [1 group garbled] surnames of workers and probationers[STAZhERY], names of towns and countries, of [C% officials] and of other objectives. All this should be encoded.

[Part II] [1 group unrecovered] [C% considering] the cases cited above it is recommended that, instead of audible conversation, notes should be exchanged, which, immediately after such a "secret conversation", [1 group unidentified] will be destroyed. At work and in private life our workers should not [4 groups unrecovered] from other [1 group unidentified] of the organization[APPARAT] and [C% group themselves together]; this will inevitably lead to disclosure. [2 groups unrecovered] other [1 group unrecovered] discussion in Russian of [4 groups unrecovered] with them. [5 groups unrecoverable] infringements of the security regulations we shall take severe measures. [1 group unidentified] maintenance of necessary security in our work depends to a considerable extent on leaders of residencies personally. The resident should not share with his subordinates information which they are not required to know in the course of their work.

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Note: [a] This message is known to have been sent also to HAVANA, MEXICO CITY, OTTAWA, SAN FRANCISCO and NEW YORK.

Comment: [i] PETROV: Unidentified MOSCOW signatory; probably a covername or pseudonym.

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